

Dear chairperson' and members of the Appropriations committee my name is Shawn Boisclair and I am asking you to support these very fair and modest contract agreements.

As a member of the Administrative and Residual Employees union I would like to point to the numerous pay freezes and benefit concessions I and my fellow state employees have made over the years including: increased pension contributions, the 3% of my salary towards retiree Healthcare fund, an increase to my full retirement age of 3 years to age 63 and increases health insurance premiums.

The raises are a modest 2.5% in these times of 7%+ inflation, 2 one time payments to offset these low general wage increases but leaving the salary ranges untouched.

I hope you support these labor agreements, I hope you support the state workers who keep this government working and delivering key services to the citizens of Connecticut.

Sincerely

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